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For: **METHOD FOR EXTRACTING DATA FROM A RELATIONAL DATABASE USING A
REDUCED QUERY**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 15, change "5,549,849" to --5,519,859-- so that the second paragraph on the page reads as follows:

"Relational databases, in which various tables of data are inter-related through fields that occur in the different related tables, are well known in the art. The use of structured query language (SQL) by which to instruct a database manager to extract data from a relational database is also known in the art. See for example U.S. Pat. No. 5,519,859 to Grace for a *Method and Apparatus for Automatic Table Selection and Generation of Structured Query Language Instructions.*"